

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. Claim 1 is rejected. Claims 1-48 are objected to. Claims 1-48 in part and the whole of claims 49-51 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants take note of the fact that the restriction requirement has been made final.

Claims 1-48 are objected to as containing non-elected subject matter. By the present amendment applicants have amended the application by deleting the non-elected subject matter from the claims. The claims as amended are directed solely to the subject matter which the Examiner regards as falling within the scope of the elected invention.

Thus the claims have been limited to those compounds wherein:

W is COOH, (CO)NH₂;

Q is CH;

Z is C=O;

A is subgroup (a); and

R_a, R_b and R_c are as described in claim 1.

Claims 1, 39, 40, 43, 45, 46 and 48 have been amended. Claims 10 – 38, 44 and 47 have been canceled.

In claim 39, line 17, the word "phenyl" has been added after the word "trifluoromethyl" in order to complete the name of the compound. It is believed that the omission is obvious and that no new matter has been added to the claim as amended.

Applicants take note of the fact that no claims have been rejected over prior art.

In view of the amendments herein being made to the claims, it is believed that all of the outstanding objections and rejections have been removed.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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